War Machine, a.k.a. Jim Rhodes. Soldier turned super hero turned cyborg with a new mandate to take on monsters and madmen in international hotspots across the globe.

Dr. Glenda Sandoval. Jim's childhood friend and flame.

Parnell Jacobs. Glenda's husband. Former arms dealer, now War Machine's one-man pit crew.

Bethany Cabe. Director of the secret War Machine R&D facility in the Colorado mountains.

Jake Oh. Former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, current Eaglestar military contractor.

Suzi Endo. Former super hero and tech wizard for hire.

When the Ultimo robot—a sentient doomsday device—began destroying vast portions of the American Midwest, Jim Rhodes teamed up with H.A.M.M.E.R. Director Norman Osborn to curb the chaos. Upon the robot's defeat, Osborn claimed control over the tech for his own self-interested purposes. But Rhodes wasn't having any of it.

While Rhodes and Osborn fought over Ultimo, Suzi Endo—Jim's tech ace—escaped into space with the machine in order to reprogram it. With Osborn distracted, Rhodes's team achieved their secret directive: exposing the deeds of the Bainesville Ten, a group of nefarious politicians and captains of industry.

After Osborn defeated Rhodes, Osborn knew he had to control the negative media exposure by generating a distraction. His solution: bringing Jim Rhodes to trial for war crimes and crimes against humanity...

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SO, JORDAN, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.
THE ONE DAY A YEAR I KNOCK OFF EARLY TO CELEBRATE MY WIFE'S BIRTHDAY...
...THE COUNTRY SUFFERS ITS MOST MASSIVE DIGITAL SECURITY BREACH WHICH RELEASES THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS DEFINITIVELY LINKING SIX SENATORS, ONE GENERAL, AND THREE FORMER CABINET MEMBERS...
...TO TORTURE, STOLEN ELECTIONS, AND FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ASSASSINATIONS...
...AND THE STORY ENDS UP ON PAGE FOUR?
POLITICOS INDICTED AFTER BAINESVILLE LEAKS
SORRY, MR. ROBERTSON.
BUT THERE WEREN'T ANY PICTURES.
I MEAN, THERE WERE MUG SHOTS AND WHATNOT, BUT THE GOVERNMENT REDACTED ALL OF THE GOOD STUFF.
THE PROSECUTION OF THE BAINESVILLE TEN COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY FOR THIS COUNTRY.
BUT YOU NEEDED MORE PICTURES.
WELL. YEAH. I MEAN...
...WE'RE COMPETING WITH TELEVISION AND THE INTERNET.
WELCOME BACK TO ACTION SEVEN AND OUR LEAD STORY!
AND THEY AIN'T SHOWING ANYTHING...
CNN NEWS

...UNLESS IT'S FREAKING BURNING AND BLEEDING.
ACCORDING TO FOOTAGE JUST RELEASED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT...
...THE ARMORED ADVENTURER KNOWN AS WAR MACHINE BUTCHERED AT LEAST TWENTY-SIX SANTO MARCAN SOLDIERS...
...FACILITATED THE EXECUTION-STYLE MURDER OF EAGLESTAR EXECUTIVE DAVIS HARMON...
...THREATENED TO DESTROY THE WORLD AFTER KNOWINGLY INCORPORATING THE ULTIMO INFECTION INTO HIS SYSTEM...
...AND KILLED ROXXON REPRESENTATIVE ANTON AUBUISSON...
...WITH POLAR BEARS.

RHODES OF BLOOD?
POLAR BEARS?
RHODES OF BLOOD?
ALL RIGHT-- WE'RE GOING LIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN THE HAGUE...
"...WHERE THE TRIAL OF WAR MACHINE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!"
JAMES RUPERT RHODES...
...YOU STAND ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, INCLUDING 36 GRAVE BREACHES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND 17 VIOLATIONS OF THE SECOND PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL...
HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY BEFORE THIS COURT INDICTS YOU?
STEAK, SWEET POTATOES, AND TWO BOTTLES OF JAX.

EXCUSE ME?
MY LAST MEAL. JUST WANT TO GET IT ON THE RECORD.
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IS *NOT AUTHORIZED* TO ADMINISTER THE *DEATH PENALTY*, MR. RHODES.
YOU'RE *ALSO* NOT AUTHORIZED TO SET UP A *SHOW TRIAL* AT THE BEHEST OF *NORMAN OSBORN*.
YET HERE WE ARE.
SO I WOULDN'T GET TOO CONFIDENT ABOUT JUST WHAT YOU *WILL* AND *WON'T* DO AT THE END OF THE DAY.
MISTER RHODES--
AND I LIKE MY BEER *COLD*.
NOW GET ME BACK TO MY *CELL*. I'VE GOT SOME SITTING AROUND STARING AT THE *WALL* TO CATCH UP ON.

"THEY KNOW ALL ABOUT HIS TECH ASSIMILATION POWERS...
"...SO THEY REPLACED HIS TECH WITH PLASTICS, AND HE'S BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL CIRCUIT-FREE CONTAINMENT CELL...
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"...GUARDED BY AN INNER CORDON OF NON-TECH AND NON-METAL DEPENDENT SUPER HEROES...
"...AND AN OUTER RING OF FIVE H.A.M.M.E.R. ARMORED UNITS ON AN OFF-SHORE FORTRESS TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF THE HAGUE."
PARNELL JACOBS, WAR MACHINE WEAPONS MASTER.
WE START THE ATTACK WITH A SWARM OF FLY-SPIES TO INFILTRATE THE PRISON AND ESTABLISH A COM LINK WITH RHODEY.
PARNELL...
...NO.
NO?
JAKE OH, WAR MACHINE ARMORED SUPPORT 02.
GLENDA SANDOVAL, WAR MACHINE MEDIC.
BETHANY CABE, WAR MACHINE ARMORED SUPPORT 01.

WELL, THE FLY-SPIES ARE A LITTLE TETCHY.
NO, FELLAS...
OKAY, SCREW IT. WE JUST PUNCH RIGHT THROUGH THE TOP OF THE PRISON WITH--
...I MEAN NO TO THIS WHOLE THING.
HEY, RHODEY BUSTED ME OUT OF THAT EAGLESTAR HELLHOLE WHEN THE WHOLE DAMN WORLD WAS TURNING A BLIND EYE.
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE LEAVING HIM DOWN THERE TO--
GLENDA, IF RHODEY WANTED THIS, HE WOULD HAVE CALLED.
WHAT PART OF "CIRCUIT-FREE CONTAINMENT CELL" DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND, BETHANY?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT EYE.
WHAT DID YOU JUST--
I'VE GIVEN UP EVERY DAMN THING I HAVE TO STAND BY RHODEY. AND IF I THOUGHT FOR A SECOND THAT THIS IS WHAT HE WANTED...
BUT I TALKED TO SUZI ENDO. SHE HACKED THE RECORDS. THE ICC GAVE RHODEY HIS DIME WHEN THEY BOOKED HIM.
AND HE DIDN'T CALL US. AND HE DIDN'T CALL HAWKEYE OR AMERICAN EAGLE OR THE FAN-FREAKING-TASTIC FOUR.
HE CALLED A LAWYER.

JUSTICE.
THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER CARED ABOUT, CHARLIE.
AND IF THE HAGUE DECLARES JAMES RHODES INNOCENT OF ALL CHARGES, I'LL BE THE FIRST TO WELCOME HIM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.
NORMAN OSBORN, DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R.

ALTHOUGH I'LL DO MY BEST TO KEEP MY HELMET ON THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
SINGLEHANDEDLY CAPTURED WAR MACHINE IN THE BATTLE OF BAINESVILLE.

INSTA-POLLS, MS. HAND?
THROUGH THE ROOF. THEY LOVED YOU, SIR.

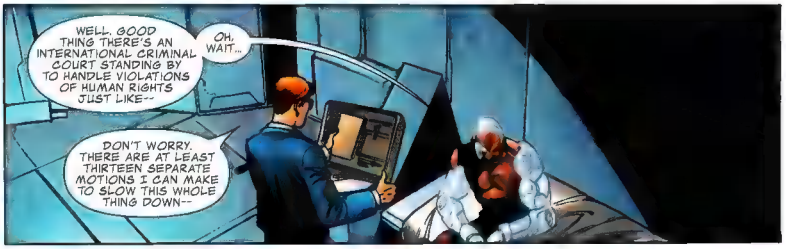
AND THE NETWORKS HAVE ALMOST ENTIRELY DROPPED THEIR COVERAGE OF THE BAINESVILLE TEN IN FAVOR OF THE RHODES TRIAL.
WELL, HOW'D THE GREAT MAN SAY IT?
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

SHA-KOOOOM

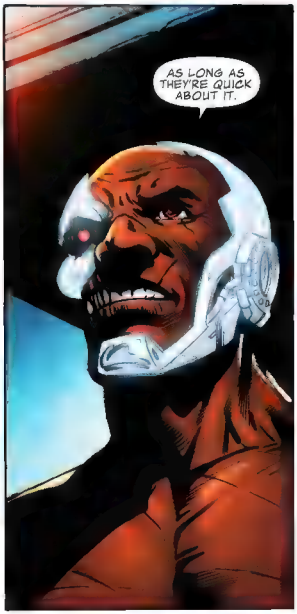
NOT JUST YET.
ARES. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CALL YOU.
DO NOT TRIFLE WITH ME, OSBORN.
I AM THE GOD OF WAR. AND WAR MACHINE IS MY CHAMPION.
I BELIEVE YOU BELIEVE THAT, ARES... BUT HERE'S THE THING...
...I'M NOT SO SURE RHODES IS ON BOARD.
BACK IN AQIRIA, HE DENIED YOU THREE TIMES. JUST LIKE PETER.
WHAT?
WHO'S PETER?
AFTER YOUR TIME. FORGET IT.
THE POINT IS, WITH HIS ATTITUDE, RHODES HASN'T BEEN DOING EITHER OF US MUCH GOOD.

NOW I JUST WANTED HIM TO QUIT. I EVEN OFFERED HIM A POD-GROWN REPLACEMENT BODY, WHICH HE REFUSED.
MEANWHILE, YOU WANT A MORTAL CHAMPION WHO WILL REMIND THE HUMANS OF YOUR TERROR AND GLORY.
ADMITTEDLY, DIFFERENT GOALS...
...BUT HERE'S WHERE YOU AND I COME TOGETHER:
WHAT BETTER WAY FOR BOTH OF US TO WIN THAN BROADCASTING WAR MACHINE'S GREATEST HITS IN FULL HD VIDEO TO THE ENTIRE WORLD?
AND YOU...JUST EXPECT ME TO TRUST YOU?
OH, NO. I HARDLY TRUST ME-- WHY ON EARTH SHOULD YOU?
YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN GUARANTEES...
THEN WHAT--
...WITH A SECURITY CLEARANCE AND A FRONT ROW SEAT FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW.

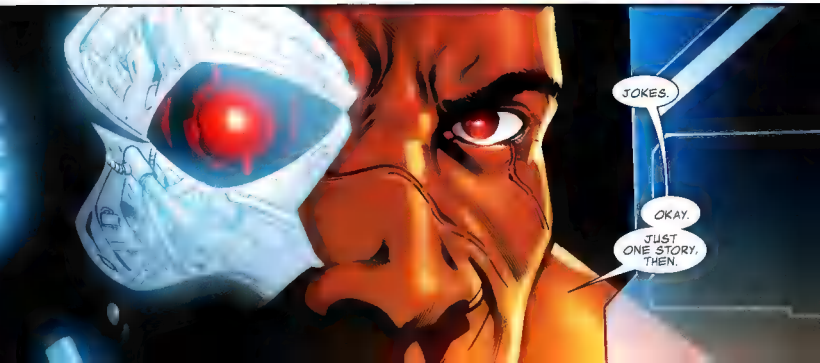
THE HAGUE, DETAINEE CELLS.
HEY, KILLER. YOU GOT COMPANY.
MATT MURDOCK WASN'T SURE YOU WERE COMING.
WHY'S THAT?
I HEARD YOU ONLY DEFENDED INNOCENT PEOPLE.
WELL, I'M WILLING TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION WHEN THERE'S AN IMMINENT MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE IN THE WORKS.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
SANTO MARCO'S MOVING TO EXTRADITE YOU WHEN THE HAGUE FINISHES ITS TRIAL.
SO THAT'S HOW THEY'LL GET ME DEAD.
YEAH. SANTO MARCO DOESN'T JUST HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY...
...THEY STILL DRAW AND QUARTER PEOPLE.
WITH HORSES.


WELL. GOOD THING THERE'S AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT STANDING BY TO HANDLE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS JUST LIKE--
OH, WAIT...
DON'T WORRY. THERE ARE AT LEAST THIRTEEN SEPARATE MOTIONS I CAN MAKE TO SLOW THIS WHOLE THING DOWN--

NO. THAT'S WHAT OSBORN WANTS.
OSBORN'S NOT OUR CONCERN HERE, RHODEY.
THE LONGER THIS TRIAL TAKES, THE BIGGER A DISTRACTION IT BECOMES.
DISTRACTION? RHODEY, THEY WANT TO KILL YOU.


AS LONG AS THEY'RE QUICK ABOUT IT.

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU CALL ME DOWN HERE FOR?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE BAINESVILLE TEN ACTUALLY DID?
I THINK I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT.


JOKES.
OKAY.
JUST ONE STORY, THEN.

SOME AQIRIAN WARLORD TURNED OVER HALF A VILLAGE. SAID THEY WERE HARBORING *TERRORISTS*. THAT WAS ENOUGH.
THE INTERROGATORS TOOK A MOTHER AND HER EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON.
THEY MADE THE BOY *WATCH* WHILE THEY *ASSAULTED* HIS MOTHER.
AND THEN THEY MADE THE *MOTHER* WATCH WHILE THEY...
...TCH.
THESE IMPLANTS IN MY BRAIN... ONCE I SEE SOMETHING, I CAN'T...
...I CAN'T STOP SEEING IT.
AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CHILD, MURDOCK.
THAT'S WHAT THE BAINESVILLE TEN *AUTHORIZED*

SO WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING SITTING HERE WITH ME?
JUST...
TIK
...LISTENING.
AND IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
TIK

SEVEN MILES ABOVE PORTLAND, OREGON.
SUZI.
HEY, RHODEY...
...TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
I'M TALKING TO YOU THROUGH A CHIP I MADE FROM SILICON. I EXTRACTED MOLECULE BY MOLECULE FROM THE CONCRETE OF MY CELL WALLS.
YEAH, AND I'VE SPENT THE LAST TWO WEEKS TEACHING A MIND-WIPED, LIQUID METAL KILLER ROBOT HOW NOT TO MURDER PEOPLE.
SO CRY ME A RIVER, BIG GUY.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOUR CHIP'S JUST GIVEN ME A PRECISE SCAN OF YOUR ENTIRE FACILITY, WHICH I'M UPLOADING TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.
GET READY-- WE'LL BE BUSTING YOU OUT T-MINUS TEN MINUTES.
NO.
NO?
WAR MACHINE NEEDS TO STAY *RIGHT HERE* FOR ALL THIS TO WORK...
...BUT THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME...

OSBORNTECH LABORATORIES.
BANGOR, MAINE.
SPLOP
I DON'T KNOW. SOME KIND OF POWER SURGE.
HANG ON. IT'S FINE NOW.

MR. RHODES, WHERE IS YOUR LAWYER?
I FIRED HIM...
...SO HE COULD RETURN TO NEW YORK TO HELP THE PROSECUTORS IN THE BAINSEVILLE TEN CASE.
MS. HAND!
YES, SIR. ALREADY CHECKING ON IT.
NEW YORK CITY. ELEVEN HOURS LATER.
JUST PUT ME ON THE STAND. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
ARE YOU... CONFESSING, MR. RHODES?
LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.
ENOUGH.
YOU! SIT DOWN!
YOU CAN'T COMMAND ME, WOMAN...
BAILIFF!
...BUT DON'T WORRY--I'M NOT HERE TO KILL ANYONE.
YET.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

...THAT IF ANYONE HERE...
SHAKOOOM
BRAKKA BRAKKA BRAKKA
...DARES TO INTERFERE WITH TRUE JUSTICE...
SHAKOOOM

...INCLUDING YOU, MY CHAMPION...
I'LL PERSONALLY SEND YOU--AND ALL YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS--STRAIGHT DOWN TO UNCLE PLUTO'S DARK DOMAIN.
YOU MAY PROCEED

CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDER THESE--
WE NEED TO GET HIM OUT OF THIS COURTROOM.
YES, WELL, I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE THE HULK ON THE PAY-ROLL. SO WHAT DO WE--
THE LAW. WE STICK TO THE LAW.
ALL RIGHT, MR. RHODES...
...IN THE ABSENCE OF PROPER COUNSEL, YOUR OFFER TO SELF-INCRIMINATE IS DENIED.
YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A NEW LAWYER.
COURT WILL RESUME IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.
MY CHAMPION.
HEH.
DON'T CALL ME THAT.

...OBJECTION SUSTAINED!
BEAUTIFUL.
AND THE BAINESVILLE TEN HAVE SLIPPED TO PAGE EIGHT.
FRONT LINE
CALL FOR YOU, SIR.
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M GLORYING IN MY CLEVERNESS HERE?
I THINK YOU'LL WANT TO TAKE THIS ONE, SIR.
WHO IS THIS?
BETHANY CABE. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER SHOOTING ME ONCE?
AH, M.S. CABE. THE PLEASURE WAS ALL MINE...
CALL TRACED TO WAR MACHINE SHUTTLE 0103.
...NOW WHAT EMBARRASSINGLY UNFULFILLABLE PROMISE OF VENGEANCE WILL YOU BE ISSUING TODAY?
JUST THAT I'M GOING TO RUIN YOUR WEEK. MAYBE EVEN YOUR LIFE.
BY ATTACKING THE HAGUE? WAKE UP, YOUNG LADY. WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE...

"...ASSUMING, OF COURSE, YOU SHARE MY INTEREST IN KEEPING RHODES FROM MARTYRING HIMSELF TOO QUICKLY.
"SO LET'S MAKE A DEAL, BETHANY."
OKAY, NORMAN. I SAVE MY FRIEND. AND YOU GO DOWN WITH THE REST OF THE SCUM-SUCKERS HE'S TAKING OUT.
HMM. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT...
SHAKOOOM
"...NO."
AAAND THE BIG MAN KILLS EVERYONE. BUT I'M STILL TALKING! CONFUSING, HUH?
DAMMIT.
MS. HAND! DID MS. MARVEL NOT JUST DESTROY THAT SHIP?
YES, SIR--
THEN WHERE THE HELL--
"--IS TEAM WAR MACHINE?"
OSBORNTECH LABORATORIES. BANGOR, MAINE.
BRAKOOOOM
WHOOPS. SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE OFF QUITE SO MUCH...
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, JAKE...

J. RHODES
REPRO BOD 2.0
I LIKE THE RESULTS.
TO BE CONCLUDED!